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INDUSTRY TRENDS

The American Association of Nurserymen has released figures on the sales trends in the industry, based on the dues returns of A. A. N. members. The dollar volume average of nursery firms in 1956-57 was 2½ per cent higher than in the preceding year, which is about half of the gain shown in each of the years before that and the smallest since the first year the tabulation was begun, for 1939-40.

A survey of more than 225 nursery catalogs for 1957 showed price index increases over the two preceding years of anywhere from 1 per cent, in the case of ornamentals at retail, to 6 or 8 per cent, in the case of fruits at wholesale and by mail order.

In general, sales throughout the industry followed the trend in the catalog field; the gain in dollar volume did not indicate a gain in physical volume of sales.

Is the nursery industry showing signs of leveling off in demand in spite of the continuation of the home-building boom, and is this industry about to join numerous others that find conditions so competitive that they must put forth renewed efforts and adopt new merchandising practices in order to hold their share of the consumer's dollar?

TO SAVE POSTAGE

There seem sure to be increases in postal rates, according to the present attitude of Congress and the demands of the postmaster general for a larger appropriation. Whether the postage bill is an item large enough to be of importance depends upon one's type of business and the volume of outgoing mail. If the postage bill is large, it is probably because the firm sends out sales literature in the form of letters, circulars, catalogs, etc. In that case a fruitful method of keeping the postage bill down is to go over the mailing list periodically with a fine-tooth comb,

to be certain that dead names are removed, addresses are corrected and in general the list is brought up to date. The waste in mailing lists is appalling. The best lists are none too good, and those that do not have at least periodic attention, if not constant supervision, will prove very expensive to use.

FURTHER IDEAS

Constantly changing habits on the part of the purchasing public demand changing methods on the part of nurserymen. These changes are not always discernible over a short period, but one can see the trend. For instance, in the series of articles on operating a garden center published in this magazine and now available in book form the current methods and practices of that type of business were set forth in detail, but, thorough as the articles might be considered, they will not be the last word

Since the appearance of the articles, excerpts of talks presented at recent nurserymen's meetings, published in these pages, have demonstrated that new ideas are making their appearance from time to time, in different parts of the country. So these further discussions of garden center operation give an opportunity to readers to check their own methods, if they engage in that type of business, and see what has been tried elsewhere, either successfully or otherwise.

Differences of opinion appear constantly, many of them to be explained by differences in location and in type of customer. The garden center located on a through highway connecting several towns is likely to have more cash sales and smaller individual purchases by customers than is a garden center operated in the midst of a settled suburban community, where customers are steady, usually buy all their supplies there and are otherwise differentiated from the buyer who halts his automobile at a sign on the highway. This example does not present the whole picture, but it indicates reasons for contrasting methods of operation in different places and under different conditions.

Similarly, self-service may be practical and desirable in a garden center handling many items of supplies that can be located by signs placed over the counters or on the walls, selected and then taken to the check-out

counter. But in an establishment which is more heavily devoted to plant materials, where an effort is made to sell a customer a good-size order, self-service is not desirable. It has worked well for salesyards handling limited specialties, such as roses or perennials.

Hence all of us are seeking further ideas on this important phase of the nursery industry, because the most effective way to serve the public is the surest way to expand the total volume of sales of nursery stock and allied lines.

HELP FROM OUTSIDE

In recent years some large nurscry firms in both the retail and the wholesale fields have hired as mature executive employees men who have made their mark or had experience in another industry, in finance, merchandising or management. The results have been highly successful, at least in some cases observed, and it seems likely that the example will spread to smaller enterprises. The nurseryman need not have many employees in order to make it profitable for him to hire one having useful experience in some other than the nursery field. In the office or in planning the over-all program, such an individual brings a point of view different from that of a person brought up in the nursery business, particularly where the emphasis has been on production with thought for little else.

The example is one observed in other industries. Frequently, a manufacturing firm hires the employee of an auditing firm who has worked on its books to make the annual audit and is therefore familiar with its operations. That is a common practice, as the C. P. A. firms complain.

While it may be a considerable time before production of nursery stock catches up with the demand, there will come a time when the importance of this suggestion is even greater than it is now, when it is almost certain to add to the efficiency and probably to the profits of the enterprise in which experienced help from outside is obtained.

Office management, credit, finances, advertising and other phases of business require a different type of training and experience than cultivating nursery stock. Schools of business administration are turning out young men who will admirably fit in niches of this kind.

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The Upright Sugar Maples

By Bernard Harkness

Rochester Park Department, Rochester, N. Y.

For the most part, certainly, there are but two forms of sugar maple with upright branches grown in nurseries today. Moreover, they are the same two which appeared in a Massachusetts nursery catalog 70 years

As much as one may ordinarily expect to know about a cultivar, a plant arising in cultivation, is known about the more striking and distinct of the two forms. In the March 15, 1924, issue of Horticulture, A. H. Fewkes recalls that the original tree of this variety grew in the yard of a Newtonville, Mass., grammar school until 1872. Soon afterward the tree was moved to the Newton cemetery. Despite Mr. Fewkes' concern in the same communication ("Its location on a dry, gravelly bank is not conducive to its best development, even if its very life were not threatened by the encroaching roots and spreading branches of less important trees in close proximity"), the tree still stands and has survived the later hazard of hurricane winds, which have taken one large branch. It is suitably marked by a bronze tablet, which was placed beside it in 1937. In March of 1954 its diameter at breast height was 12 inches, and its height was a little over 40 feet. Other specimens, its own progeny, such as one in the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass., have surpassed

the parent tree in the height to which they have grown.

Introduction by Temple

We have F. L. Temple, a 19th century nurseryman, to thank for introducing this maple, as well as the second upright form; he seems to have been a pioneer in the method of nursery merchandising which features new and unusual plant materials. The catalog issued by his Shady Hill Nurseries, Cambridge, Mass. for the season of 1885-86 first carried the listing of the Newton tree, calling it Acer saccharinum columnare. To modern eyes, there may seem to be two things wrong in this listing. With regard to the species name, however, it was not until a decade later that saccharum came into general usage for sugar maple and saccharinum was returned to soft maple. And although the variety name for sentry maple (the Newton tree) is now commonly given as monumentale, the tree was not so designated by Temple; he first used that name for his second (1887-88) introduction, which is the broader upright form of sugar maple. Perhaps a decade from now nurserymen will have dropped the monumentale name because of its monumental confusion, one might say, and the simple culti-var names of Newton sentry and Temple's upright may clearly indicate in lists which of the upright maples is offered.

No original tree is known to be cited for Temple's upright, but many nurserymen apparently thought it a more useful tree than the Newton sentry, among them Ellwanger & Barry, Rochester, N. Y. Near their office building they planted a stock tree of Temple's introduction, which they listed in their catalog as monumental sugar maple. The tree remains today somewhat crowded and perhaps, at first glance, not recognizable as an upright form.

The Ellwanger & Barry catalogs noted that the foliage of the second growth shoots during the summer were of a brilliant crimson. Westfield street, Rochester, N. Y., is planted to Temple's upright. In recent years, the foliage of many trees has been off color, with scorch also appearing. It is not yet determined whether this is due to uneven soil conditions, as the area is known to consist in part of fill land, or a virus condition.

Varietal Differences

There are enough differences between the two forms so that their identification should not be difficult. With young plants, the leaves may be the best characteristic to note. On Temple's upright the leaves are the [Concluded on page 62]









Two subjects at left are the Newton sentry maple, introduced by F. L. Temple and originally listed in his catalog of 1885-86 as Acer saccharinum columnare. The foliage effect and branch structure of the same tree are shown, although the branch habit is not typical because secondary branches have been removed to retain symmetry, and a single-trunked specimen has resulted. This tree is much narrower in form than Temple's upright clone.

This tree is much narrower in form than Temple's upright clone.

Two subjects at right are Temple's upright clone, introduced by F. L. Temple and listed in his 1887-88 catalog as Acer saccharinum monumentale. Illustrations show foliage effect and branch habit of the same tree.

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All-America Rose Selections Names 1958 Award Winners

All-America Rose Selections marks its 20th anniversary with the announcement that three magnificent new roses have won its coveted All-America rose award for 1958. This highest honor in the United States flower world goes this year to Fusilier, a brilliant orange-red floribunda from Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, N. Y.; Gold Cup, a goldenyellow floribunda from the same company, and White Knight, a pure white hybrid tea, introduced by Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa.

To win this award, the three new roses competed with the finest new rose introductions from both Europe and the United States. Carefully observed and judged in the rigid 2-year trials conducted in the 25 All-America testing stations located throughout the country, these three roses proved their superiority over all the other roses entered in the trials.

Newcomers Described

Fusilier is a rich orange-red floribunda of great brilliance and luminescence which turns a darker cherry red in the fall of the year. The wavy flowers are three to three and onehalf inches across and are produced in heavy clusters. The plant remains almost constantly in bloom. The interesting luminiscent effect is produced by the unevenness of the frilled flowers in the immense heads. The plant is decorative, growing full and bushy. It is of medium height and stocky. The foliage covers the branches well with medium-size glossy leaves of dark green. When the plant is young, the foliage is an interesting red. The sharp color and bushy growth of Fusilier will make this rose a favorite in gardens, hedges, shrub plantings and wherever color accent is desired.

Gold Cup is a floribunda of golden yellow that holds its color throughout the life of the flower. The pure yellow of the blooms contrasts beautifully with the ornamental glossy foliage. The fragrant blooms are three to four inches across, opening from pointed buds. Gold Cup grows about two and one-half feet tall and is well clothed with average-size, glossy dark foliage. The entire plant is constantly renewed by the freely sprouting basal shoots. It shows marked disease resistance in all areas of the country. Since yellow floribundas are rare, this new member of the highly popular floribunda class will be an excellent addition.

White Knight is the first white hybrid tea to be chosen in the history of the A. A. R. S. It is a splendid rose for cutting purposes, with long-lasting flowers. Vigorous and disease resistant, White Knight is with moderately leathery leaves of a lively green color. It is free-blooming, with the buds, which are medium long and pointed, changing progressively from soft greenish white to pure white as they open. The flowers, of 28 to 35 petals, are four to five inches in diameter, high-centered at first, becoming shallow-cupped, with the petals rolling loosely outward. The blooms of

soft satin white on the inside and shining white on the outside will make this new rose a favorite in every garden.

Judging Points

Entered in the A. A. R. S. trials in 1954, the holders of the 1958 award are the 46th, 47th and 48th to reign as members of the royal family of roses. Like their predecessors, they were judged under a uniform system on 13 different characteristics. These are novelty, vigor, habit, disease resistance, foliage, floriferousness, bud form, flower form, substance, color on opening, color on finishing, fragrance and stem.

The first announcement of All-America Rose Selections was made two years after its founding in 1938 by a group of the nation's leading nurserymen and hybridizers. Awards have been given in each succeeding year, with the exception of 1951, when no variety entered in the A. A. R. S. trials was deemed equal to the rigid judging standards.

J. & P. TIME STORY

National attention was focused on the Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, N. Y., recently when Time magazine featured an article on the firm entitled "The Rosiest Business." Mention was made of the current spring catalog that displays more than 120 different varieties of roses in all floral colors except blue.

In the height of its 1957 shipping season, the firm had 1,200 employees filling orders from customers in all states for approximately 9,000,000 rosebushes, it was said. Operating 2,300 acres at Newark, N. Y., the firm also has 1,000 acres in roses in California and 1,900 acres in Ari-

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SUNDAY, JULY 21

9:00 A. M.-All-America Rose Selections, lower lobby, Civic room. All-day

2:00 P. M.-Market development and publicity committee, Rosewood room.

MONDAY, JULY 22

9:00 A. M.-National Association of Plant Patent Owners, lower lobby, Civic

8:00 A. M .- Baby Ramblers' breakfast, Rosewood room.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

9:00 A. M.-All-America Camellia



The Fontainebleau, A. A. N. Convention Hotel, Overlooking Formal Gardens and Ocean Front at Miami Beach, Fla.

A. A. N. Convention Plans Announced

Selections, lower lobby, Civic room. All-

9:00 A. M.—American Nurserymen's Protective Association, Rosewood room. 6:00 P. M.—National Landscape Nurs-

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

erymen's Association, executive commit-

Nurserymen's Association breakfast, Rose-

A. A. N. LADIES' PROGRAM

can Association of Nurserymen have

pooled their efforts to make the

Miami Beach convention a family

affair. Mrs. Myrtle Armstrong, of the Kitchen Door Nursery, North

Miami, Fla., contributing to this project as ladies' program chairman,

has devised the following schedule to

occupy the nurserymen's wives dur-

ing the 5-day event. Plenty of free

time is allowed for swimming, boat-

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Afternoon reception in the mezzanine card rooms of the Hotel Fontainebleau. Hospitality night; water show and

Program planners for the Ameri-

retaries, mezzanine, South Card room.

tee breakfast, Rosewood terrace

8:00 A. M.-National Landscape Nurs-

8:00 A. M.-National Mail Order

2:00 P. M.-Nursery Association Sec-

day session.

room.

ALLIED GROUPS' MEETINGS

As plans for the 82nd annual convention of the American Association of Nurserymen at Miami Beach, Fla., July 21 to 25, near completion, the time and place of meeting for the various allied organizations that regularly convene preceding or during the A. A. N. convention period have been announced by the Washington headquarters. The schedule for these meetings, all to be held at the Hotel Fontainebleau, follows:

FRIDAY, JULY 19 9:00 A. M.-Ornamental Growers' Association, stock committee, mezzanine,

North Card room. 2:00 P. M .- Fruit Tree Growers' Association, stock committee, mezzanine,

North Card room.

SATURDAY, JULY 20 9:00 A. M.-National Landscape Nurserymen's Association, executive commit-tee, mezzanine, North Card room.

10:00 A. M.-Ornamental Growers' Association, mezzanine, South Card room. 2:00 P. M.—Fruit Tree Growers' Association, mezzanine, South Card room.

ing, special trips or shopping. The complete schedule of events

8:00 A. M .- National Landscape Nurserymen's Association, executive commit-

tee breakfast, Rosewood room.

dancing at the Eden Roc hotel cabana and pool area.

for the ladies follows:

MONDAY, JULY 22

Morning open. Keynote luncheon in the Fleur de Lis room of the Hotel Fontainebleau; Boyd Campbell, chairman of the board, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, guest speaker.

Afternoon bus trip to Seaquarium on

Virginia Key, then on to Crandon park, on Key Biscayne, for a beach supper.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Morning open. Ladies' Auxiliary luncheon; annual meeting and style show at the Cafe Pompeii, Eden Roc hotel.

Night open. WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Daytime open. Past presidents' banquet in the Fleur de Lis room; entertainment and dancing.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

General luncheon in the Fleur de Lis room; "Pink Pills for Pale People," by H. Wayman Parker, Sharp & Dohme division, Merck & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., guest speaker.

FOR JUNIORS AT MIAMI Visits to two outstanding attractions of the Miami area-the Parrot Jungle and the glass-botomed boat cruise-are included in the program planned for the younger set at the American Association of Nursery-

men's July convention. At the Parrot Jungle, an exotically landscaped tract of land south of downtown Miami, brilliant macaws, parrots and cockatoos fly about free, while peacocks, stately flamingos and spectacular gouras strut below in a

natural jungle. East of the mainland, at the Miami Beach end of the MacArthur causeway, the glass-bottomed boat receives passengers for a cruise three miles out in the ocean. Through the bottom of the boat, passengers watch a deep-sea diver as he explores the ocean floor and points out coral and sponge formations, rare tropical fish

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Mail-Order Sales Improve Despite Varied Problems

Mail-order firm reports indicate that sales this spring are up somewhat from last year's figures, but the gains were uneven over the country, being affected by many weather variables. Buying was slow to start in dry localities; elsewhere it was slowed by rains that discouraged gardening. Early warm weather shortened the digging season in one New York area. A cold spell after a warm start checked orders in still another instance. May business, however, seemed to bring promises of offsetting the early deficiencies, several reports suggest.

Aggravating to all were the problems created by the express company employees' strike and the curtailments in service by the Post Office Department. Both adverse moves occurred during the trade's busy season and some firms felt the difficulties more seriously than others. Complaints about costs and handling methods of both transportation systems are frequent. Packaging continues a concern, along with other plant-handling tasks where labor costs and losses might be reduced.

A strengthened demand for quality stock is mentioned. Perennials and ornamentals sold well. Stock, seemingly, was good, and shortages were not mentioned.

Gain Matches Promotion

Otto Stern, Stern's Nurseries, Geneva, N. Y., writes: "Our mailorder sales on nursery stock during the spring season of 1957 are exceeding last year's sales by better than 20 per cent, which is approximately in proportion to larger investments we made this spring for catalogs and other sales literature."

New York Sales Good

John W. Kelly, Kelly Bros. Nurseries, Inc., Dansville, N. Y., feels spring records will be pleasing, despite aggravations affecting mailorder operation. His comments follow:

"At this writing, May 6, we are still receiving a large volume of orders which, if they continue for a week or 10 days, will make us feel pleased with this year's business.

"Every season seems to have its complications. This year we had unusually warm weather in March and early April, which forced plants into leaf as quickly as we ever experienced. As a result, we had to cancel many orders, because we could not dig the stock.

"Our planting schedule is up to date, although at this time, it is quite dry in this area.

¹The demand for fruit trees was up to our expectations, and our mailorder business continued to show growth

"The express employees' strike was a serious handicap to us when our shipments were at their highest volume, and the mail curtailment by the

PROTECTIVE GROUP HEAD



William Flemer III

William Flemer III, president of the American Nurserymen's Protective Association, represents the third generation of the Flemer family active in the management of the Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, N. J. Joining the nursery in 1948, after receiving his M. S. degree from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Mr. Flemer is now vice-president of the firm and superintendent of the nursery.

He attended the Lawrenceville school and Yale University, where his studies were interrupted by three years of service with the army corps of engineers during World War II. A past president of the Ornamental Growers' Association, he also serves as vice-president of the New Jersey Nurserymen's Association and as trustee of the Stoney Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

Mr. Flemer is a member of the Botanical Society of America, the Plant Propagators' Society, the American Horticultural Council and the American Forestry Association. He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Sinclair, have three children, Louise, 6; Harriette, 5, and William IV, 3.

Post Office Department aggravated the operations of our mail-order business."

Iowa Firm's Gains

Efficiency methods and a stronger demand for quality stock are reported by George Rose, Henry Field Seed & Nursery Co., Shenandoah, Ia. The comprehensive survey follows:

"Our business has been very good this spring. At the present time (May 8), our nursery business is 14 per cent ahead of last year's, and our over-all business, including garden seeds, field seeds, hatchery and merchandise, is up 10 per cent.

"The demand generally has been across the board on all nursery stock, although such a quick study as I have been able to make indicates that our hardy perennials, including chrysanthemums, asters and lilies, have shown a sharper increase in sales than the deciduous material.

"This year more than ever it seems that our customers want quality. We offer several rose collections in No. 1 and 1½-grade. This year, without exception, the No. 1½-grade rose collections are down sharply, whereas in each case the corresponding No. 1-grade rose collection has increased sharply—in some cases more than doubling the sales of last year. We find the same to be true of our de luxe grade of fruit trees as compared with our regular grades.

"Supplies of nursery stock have been adequate in most cases, with the exception of fruit trees, which have been tight. Plum trees are practically off the market.

"We have constantly strengthened our shipping containers. In fact, most of them now will bear the weight of a man without crushing, and yet each year, and this year is no exception, we get more badly battered cartons returned by our customers. It is evident that there is little interest in the Post Office Department regarding the manner in which parcel post is handled.

"Probably many other firms were more alert than we, for we have just learned to use air freight on our smaller incoming shipments. We find that the cost is little more than by Railway Express, but the service is excellent, and even the most fragile materials are delivered in fine condition, with great speed.

"Regarding our packaging this year, all of our perennials were dug last fall, worked, wrapped individually in polyethylene or dropped in polyethylene sacks and heat-sealed or sealed with tape and frozen up at 28 degrees. We have been shipping

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Sixty Years of Rose Growing

The growth in the popularity of roses with home gardeners has been one of the outstanding features of the broad expansion of horticultural interest in the past 60 years. In this span of time, the Conard-Pyle Co., West Grove, Pa., has consistently held a leading position, lending support to the endeavors which kept roses in the forefront of flower specialties and steadily expanding its facilities and services.

In this long period of rose promotion, the firm pioneered in selling by mail. It succeeded not only in developing public confidence in the purchase of roses by this process, but in giving an impetus to the tremendous general mail-order purchasing of plants and other gardening items carried on today.

One of the 1958 All-America Rose Selection awards, recently announced, went to the Conard-Pyle Co. for the new hybrid tea, White Knight, giving additional significance to the firm's 60th anniversary, now being celebrated.

Firm's Origins

In Chester county, in the southeast corner of Pennsylvania, there had been for some years prior to 1897 the well-established firm of Dingee & Conard. To this firm in 1874 came Antoine Wintzer, noted as a propagator, especially of cannas. Alfred Conard withdrew from the firm in 1893 and organized a business of his own; then four years later, he, with Mr. Wintzer, S. Morris Jones and Robert L. Pyle, formed the Conard & Jones Co. This firm rapidly established a reputation in the mail-order field. Its first catalog stated in part that the company had been formed "for the special purpose of growing and selling our new and beautiful roses, plants, bulbs and seeds." The

first roses listed in the first catalog were offered as "well established plants from 3-inch pots, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.00, postpaid."

Robert Pyle, son of Robert L. Pyle, entered the picture in 1899 as an employee. Seven years later, when Alfred Conard died, this employee became president of the company. At the same time he and his father purchased the major interest in the business, and in 1924 its name was changed to the Conard-Pyle Co.

The rise of the modern-day firm began under the leadership of a dynamic salesman, Robert Pyle, whose efforts have been outstanding in making America so rose-conscious that today millions of home gardens have roses in them, hundreds of thousands of people attend rose shows and belong to rose societies and vast numbers of rose plants are produced and sold by this and other rose firms.

To develop public acceptance of roses on a large scale, Mr. Pyle believed it necessary to produce for sale only highest-quality plants and to guarantee them. "The Best Roses for America" became the company's slogan. Its guarantee that the firm's roses would bloom was among the first of its kind in the industry.

Brought European Roses

Robert Pyle made numerous trips to Europe to seek new roses for this country. An early introduction was hugonis, the yellow hedge rose, which he brought back from a visit to England's famous Kew Gardens in 1911. For the next 40 years, he obtained from leading hybridizers of Europe thousands of rose varieties for testing at the Conard-Pyle Co. gardens. Of these, more than 150 have been introduced here by the company as suitable for American conditions. Among them are such famous older roses as



Sydney B. Hutton, president of the Conard-Pyle Co., admires one of his Star

Christopher Stone, Condesa de Sastago, Duquesa de Penaranda, Mme. Cochet-Cochet, Mme. Henri Guillot, Mrs. P. S. du Pont, Soeur Therese, Floradora, Angels Mateu, Spanish Beauty and Ami Quinard. The firm first used the designation Star roses for its roses about 1908.

With the employment of Dr. J. H. Nicolas in 1924, the firm began a program of research. In 1925, occurred the death of Antoine Wintzer, and Robert Pyle then brought into the firm two men whose work in the years since has carried forward the firm's ideals. One was George Ohlhus, who, with experience gained in many nurseries in Germany and Holland, became the company's rose grower. He has been, since 1938, a director of the company and serves also as secretary.

The second man, Sidney B. Hut-[Continued on page 68]



One of two garden marts operated by the Conard-Pyle Co., at West Grove, Pa. This Christmastime picture of the No. 1 mart, open the year around, shows a display of B&B Christmas trees and prominent promotion of the firm's Star roses. Recently added at this mart was a complete graden shop, which stocks tools and supplies for cash-and-carry customers.

JUNE

Southern Wholesalers Report Optimistic Outlook and Rain

Wholesale nurserymen in the south report a busy season. All stock was in demand, and a cleanup was general, with dealers enjoying a good business as home building continued active. There is optimism for fall, for which no surplus of stock is seen. A stiffening but no great change in prices is anticipated. With Alabama finding drought a problem, most of the other states from which reports were received told of digging problems resulting from excessive rainfall.

Increasing deliveries by semitrailer trucks was one solution of the growing transportation problem. A change in the types of shrubs desired was noted in Kansas, where both evergreen and deciduous trees were short of the needs. Two Tyler, Tex., firms report a sellout of roses. Georgia had some frost damage to azaleas. Plantings are said to be about the same as last year's.

Alabama Had Lively Demand

A satisfactory cleanup is reported by Henry H. Chase, Chase Nursery Co., Chase, Ala., in the report on spring business, which follows:

"This has been a hectic season as far as the weather is concerned. We are still planting (May 7) and are still fully three weeks late getting all material into the ground. It has turned somewhat dry here in the past couple of weeks and we have started our irrigating in hopes of securing paying stands.

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"Demand was lively and almost our entire line was called for this season. We had a satisfactory cleanup and can only say we were well pleased with the season's volume of

business.

"We had our share of troubles with the Department of Labor, but we think we have resolved our difficulties so that it will not be a problem in the future, although it is going to change our way of doing business a little. The problem was quite annoying at the time and it still makes us a little hot under the collar to think about it.

"We are feeling optimistic over the outlook for business for this fall and see no reason why there should be any letup in the demand for nursery stock."

Georgia's Local Sales Good

Mailing costs affected shipping, but new facilities helped to increase local sales, reports James G. Bailie, Fruitland Nurseries, Augusta, Ga., who writes:

"Our shipping season has now come to a close, and we are busy pruning, spraying, plowing, hoeing, etc., to take care of the plants during the summer season.

"Due to high cost of transportation, our shipping has been curtailed some. We are trying to find ways to reduce the cost of packing and the weight of plant packages.

"Local sales were good. We built a new garden center this season, which proved very satisfactory. A new superhighway being built just in front of the nursery, when completed, will add a great deal, we think, to the number of people who will visit this center.

"Weather conditions were fairly good this year, but we suffered some loss from late freezes, which damaged the indica types of azaleas; the kurumes always come through in fine condition."

Optimism in Kansas

"The 1956-57 season was one of the best we ever experienced," declares John J. Pinney, Willis Nursery Co., Ottawa, Kan., adding: "Our volume was considerably larger than last year's and the cleanup was good.

"The demand was especially good for shade trees and the better evergreens. There were not nearly enough shade trees to take care of the demand in the larger sizes, and we dug evergreens throughout the season, until stopped by new growth.

"Some kinds of shrubs sold very well, but others were slow, and the indications are that the fashion in shrubs is changing. Naturally, the smaller-growing varieties were in demand for planting around the ranchstyle homes.

"There was no shortage of day laborers, but it was difficult to get enough experienced help.

"Express service is becoming poor-[Continued on page 39]

Pacific Coast Wholesalers Report Record Spring Season

From the Pacific northwest come reports on another season of extremely heavy trade, one which is breaking records in the area and causing some growers to foresee a shortage of finished stock in the near future. Also indicated is a rise in prices. Cool weather prolonged the shipping season, and there was a little delay in planting, but warm weather later is said to have brought plantings just about back to normal for this time.

California Roses, Trade Good

J. Awdry Armstrong, executive vice-president, Armstrong Nurseries, Ontario, Calif., describes the California situation as follows:

"The sales season for 1957-58 was about normal for this area. The rose crop was good, and sales were excellent nationally—both at wholesale

and retail. The demand for California-grown roses seems to get stronger

each year.

"The home market for fruit trees continues to show a downward trend, because of the limited area in the new subdivisions for fruit trees, but the commercial demand for certain early varieties for plantings in the San Joaquin valley was excellent.

"The retail demand for ornamentals has been good, but ornamentals are highly competitive in southern California, and the prices, as usual, are too low.

"The weather in southern California was favorable for planting throughout most of the winter and spring season. There were no severe storms. The rainfall was insufficient, a situation that is becoming almost perpetual.

"Due to the encroachment of subdivisions and industry on agricultural lands in southern California below the Tehachapi mountains, part of our production of fruit trees and roses has been moved to Kern county in the southern San Joaquin valley, where a considerable tract of land has been purchased for the purpose."

Central California Activity

Walter C. Borchers, W. B. Clarke & Co., San Jose, tells of rising demands in central California in the

following report:

"We have had an exceedingly busy season during the past five months and a reasonably profitable one, also. While the bulk of our sales are in this central California area, we ship a considerable volume of material all over the United States, which reflects itself in our total volume. In

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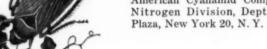
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COMING EVENTS

MEETING CALENDAR

June 2 to 4—Georgia State Nurserymen's Association, annual meeting and short course, Radium Springs, Albany, Ga.

June 3 to 5—Louisiana nurserymen's short course, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La.

June 5 and 6—California Association of Nurserymen, ninth annual refresher course, ornamental horticulture unit, California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

June 12 and 13—Eastern Regional Mail Order Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Harrison Hall hotel, Ocean City, Md.

June 19 and 20—Missouri State Nurserymen's Association, annual convention, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

June 25 and 26—Kentucky State Nunerymen's Association, summer meeting, Terrace motel, Audubon state park, Henderson, Ky.

June 26 and 27—Illinois State Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, University of Illinois, Urbana.

July 7 to 9 — Virginia Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

July 21 to 25—American Association of Nurserymen, annual convention, Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Fla.

July 29 and 30—Canadian Association of Nurserymen, annual short course, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont,

August 3 to 6 — Mississippi Florists' and Nurserymen's Association, annual convention, Buena Vista hotel, Biloxi, Miss.

August 6 and 7—Michigan Association of Nurserymen and Michigan Landscape Conference, joint summer meeting, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

August 11 to 13—Southern Nurserymen's Association and South Carolina Nurserymen's Association, joint annual convention, Fort Sumter hotel, Charleston, S. C.

August 11 to 13—National Mail Order Nurserymen's Association, annual meeting, Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill.

August 14—Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Fairview Evergreen Nurseries, Fairview, Pa.

August 21—New England Nurserymen's Association, summer meeting, Boulevard Nurseries, Newport, R. I.

August 21 to 23—Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, annual short course, University of Florida, Gainesville.

GEORGIA PROGRAM

Recently released is the program for the short course sponsored by the Georgia State Nurserymen's Association and the University of Georgia, Athens, to be held June 2 to 4 at Radium Springs, Albany, Ga. The afternoon and evening of

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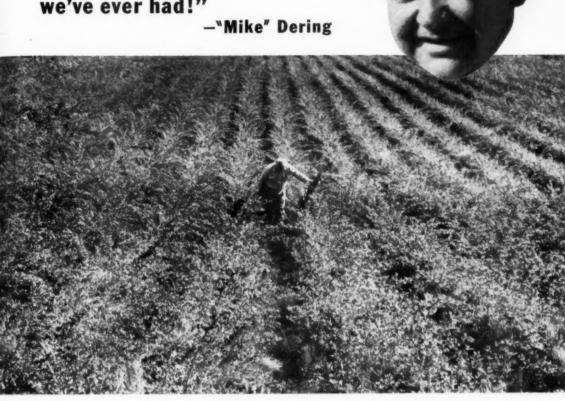
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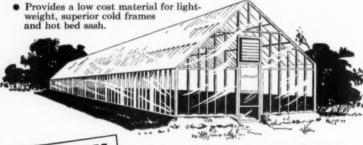


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Sunday, June 2, are devoted to registration and an informal gathering. The program continues as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Jay O. Herring, Golden State Nurs. eries, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Georgia State Nurserymen's Association, presiding.

Opening session; announcements, appointments and reports.

"Hollies and Equipment, New Ideas with Slides," by F. C. Galle, Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, Chipley.

Address by W. E. Blasingame, direc-

tor, department of entomology, state of Georgia.

Address by E. E. Meredith, administrative assistant, American Association of Nurserymen, Washington, D. C. Lunch.

Gerald Smith, extension service, Athens, presiding.
"The New Look in Nurseries: Con-

tainer-grown Nursery Stock," by W. W. Rennie, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Baltimore, Md.

"Pruning and Maintenance of Nursery Stock," panel discussion, moderated by F. E. Johnstone, Jr., chairman, division of horticulture, University of Georgia, Athens. Panel members: Norman C. Butts, Atlanta; Sam Pettyjohn, Pettyjohn Nursery, Bainbridge, and Otis Woodard, state department of horticulture, Tifton.
"New Developments in Nursery Research of the University," by D. V.

Sweet, University of Georgia.

Open house, Patterson Nursery, Al-

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Jay O. Herring presiding. A. A. N. breakfast (Dutch treat) for members only.

Business session.

"Southern Turf Grasses," panel discussion, moderated by Glen Burton, state division of agronomy, Tifton. Panel members: R. Jensen, Southern Turf Nurseries, Tifton; George McClure, H. G. Hastings Seed Co., Atlanta, and D. V. Sweet.

F. E. Johnstone, Jr., presiding.
"Nematode Control," by Roy A. Bowden, department of horticulture, University of Georgia.

The Financing and Management of a Nursery Business," panel discussion, moderated by John T. Harris, research department, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Panel members: L. C. Curtis, department of horticulture, University of Georgia; Lester C. Helm, Fruitland Nurseries, Augusta, and John Wight, Wight Nurseries, Inc., Cairo.

"Latest Recommendations for Disease Control of Azaleas and Camellias," by D. L. Gill, coastal plain experiment station, Tifton.

"Evaluation of This Short Course from My Viewpoint," by three nurserymen to be selected from those attending.

Informal buffet supper; entertainment.

MAIL-ORDER MEETING

The Eastern Regional Mail Order Nurserymen's Association will hold its summer meeting June 12 and 13. The group urges members to bring their families, promising entertainment for all at the event, which is to

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AGENDA FOR MISSOURI

Although final confirmations have yet to be received from some speakers sought by the Missouri State Nurserymen's Association for its short course program, a tentative schedule has been released for the meeting, which will be held June 19 and 20 at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

According to D. F. Millikan, University of Missouri, acting secretary of the association, plans call for the meeting to open on Wednesday, June 19, with a welcome by the dean of agriculture of the university, Dr. J. H. Longwell. A panel discussion on nutrition of ornamental and nursery crops, with particular emphasis on minor elements, will then be led by Dr. A. D. Hibbard, professor of horticulture. He will be assisted on the panel by Dr. C. E. Marshall (tentative) and Dr. J. Levitt, both of the university faculty. Dr. Karl Sax, of the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass., will then talk on the propagation of ornamentals.

On the Wednesday afternoon program, J. S. Williamson, commissioner of agriculture, and Julius Anderson, Missouri state entomologist, Jefferson City, are scheduled to speak. Dr. Sax will return to give a talk on his collection of ornamentals and their possibilities for use in the nursery trade. Vernon Perry, of the United States Department of Agriculture, will discuss nematodes. Wilkerson Nursery, Moberly, Mo., will be host during the evening for the annual barbecue.

A talk on advertising by a representative of Potts-Woodbury, Kansas City, Mo., will open Thursday morning's session, which will continue, after a coffee period, with a discussion of merchandising by Paul Terry, of the Kroger Co., St. Louis, Mo. A business meeting with election of officers in the afternoon will conclude the program.

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Other distinguished speakers on the 3-day agenda include Earl K Wade, University of Wisconsin extension pathologist, speaking on "Fungicides and Soil Fumigants"; Eugene C. Boerner, noted rose hybridizer associated with Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, N. Y., discussing "Floribundas Today and Tomorrow," and Mrs. May T. Watts, author and staff naturalist for the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill., describing our changing gardens.

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JOINT MICHIGAN MEET

A 3-day bus trip to Michigan nurseries, beginning the day after meeting sessions end, will be an optional feature of the joint meeting of the Michigan Association of Nurserymen and the Michigan Landscape Conference, which will be held, in cooperation with Michigan State University, August 6 and 7 at Kellogg Center on the university's campus at East Lansing.

After registration Tuesday morning, August 6, the program continues as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Fred S. Widmoyer, M. S. U.

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Chairman: Dr. Harold Davidson, department of horticulture, M. S. U. "Off-campus Education," by Durward

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"Plans for Affiliation of Nursery Groups," by John Light, Light's Tree Co., Inc., Richland, Mich.

Business meeting, Michigan Association of Nurserymen; J. Joseph Poleo, Ilgenfritz Nurseries, Inc., Detroit, M. A. N. president, presiding.

Business meeting of the Michigan Landscape Conference, with John Emerson, Emerson Nursery, East Lansing, M. L. C. president, presiding.

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Discussion session; Harold Hicks, Cot. Discussion session; Harold Hicks, Contage Gardens, Lansing, moderator. Topics to be introduced by panel members are "Peat Balling," by Lester Begick, Begick Nursery, Bay City; "B&B Material," by George Young, George E. Young Nursery, Oak Park, and "Potted Material," by Peter Christensen, Plymouth Nursery, Living Convert discourage of Livonia. General discussion of nursery problems will then be held.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Research committee breakfast.

"To Incorporate or Not," by Zolman Kavitch, of the law school of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., and Grossman Schlesinger & Carter, Cleveland.

"Recent Research Findings," by Donald P. Watson, Fred B. Widmoyer, Har-old Davidson and Richard Nuttall, of the M. S. U. faculty. (This and the two following discussions will be held concur-

"Profit-sharing Plans," by Zolman Kavitch.

"Landscape Nursery Management," by William Siebold and Frank Knight.

Luncheon; address by Senator Charles E. Potter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Chairmen: Richard Nuttall and Robert Noethen, Cottage Gardens.

Nursery tour of Cottage Gardens branch farm.

Supper. "Horticulture in Caracas, Venezuela," by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goldner, Goldner-Walsh, Birmingham.

A separate program for ladies, planned by Mrs. Ted Smith and her committee, Mrs. Louis Gaynor, Mrs. Robert Graham, Mrs. Gerald Kluck and Mrs. George Ward, features a flower arrangement workshop directed by Mrs. Harold Hicks Tuesday morning and a special breakfast Wednesday morning, at which Mrs. Donald Watson, Mrs. Harold Davidson and Mrs. Richard Nuttall will act as hostesses. A demonstration of new kitchen equipment will be presented after the breakfast.

FLORIDA COURSE PLANS

The annual short course of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association will be held again this year at the University of Florida, Gainesville. According to S. A. Rose, of the university faculty, the nurserymen have decided on August 21 to 23 as the dates for the event.

KENTUCKY ARRANGEMENTS

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son, Ky., for the Kentucky State Nurserymen's Association members who will attend the association's summer meeting June 25 and 26. The meeting will be held at Audubon state park, Henderson.

ILLINOIS SUMMER MEET

Elmer Spencer, Nurseryman, Springfield, Ill., president of the Illi-nois State Nurserymen's Association, announces that the group will hold a summer meeting at the University of Illinois June 26 and 27. A large attendance is expected at this educational conference, which is the first meeting of its kind to be held by the association in several years. The program is being arranged by the university in cooperation with an I.S.M.A. committee headed by James Moorhead, Moorhead's Hillside Nursery, Poplar Grove.

Though meeting plans are not complete, discussion topics will include mist propagation, diseases and insects, highway landscaping, landscape design and weed control.

CANADIANS SET DATES

The dates for the 10th annual short course of the Canadian Association of Nurserymen are July 29 and 30. Glen Peister, of McLean, Peister, Ltd., Kitchener, Ont., chairman of the short course committee. announced recently that the meeting would be held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont. No details of the course have been confirmed, but a tour of inspection of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Hamilton is among the tentative arrangements.

SOUTH FLORIDA COURSE

Scheduled for June 6 and 7, the south Florida nurserymen's short course, except for a field trip, will be held in the vocational agricultural school building, 1895 North West 95th street, Miami. There will be no evening sessions. Assistant county agent Douglas Knapp arranged the program and will be coordinator and moderator during the course.

The opening session, starting at 9:30 a. m. June 6, will be devoted to the topic, "Nursery Propagation Practices." Speakers will be S. A. Rose, assistant ornamental horticulturist, of the agricultural extension service of the University of Florida, and Roy Nelson, University of Miami experimental farm.

The first part of the afternoon program June 6 is given to the subject of "Landscape Practices and Principles," by Dr. E. W. McElwee, orna-



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Friday morning, June 7, there will be a field trip to Miami Beach, where the group will inspect landscaping at the Hotel Fontainebleau and the Americana hotel, as well as at some of the city's homes.

The first subject at the afternoon meeting will be "Estimating Cost and Cost Accounting." C. C. Moxley, economist with the Florida agricultural extension service, will be the speaker.

Plant materials used for landscaping in south Florida will also be discussed Friday afternoon. Dr. Bruce Ledin, of the subtropical experiment station, will talk on the use of fruit trees in landscaping. Robert Wilson, Fantastic Gardens, South Miami, will speak on the use of foliage plants to accent landscaping. The concluding session will provide a question and answer period.

KRAFT SENTENCED

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Reflections on the Problems of Nurserymen

By E. Sam Hemming

MORE COMMON SHRUBS

After the forsythias and spiraeas mentioned in a preceding article, the weigelas are probably the most popular common flowering shrubs with both nurserymen and gardeners. They deserve their popularity, for they are hardy and easy to grow, and their graceful habit of growth makes them easy to use in the landscape. The color of the flowers ranges from pure white through light and deep pink to red. Much hybridization has been done among the weigelas, resulting in some attractive red-flowering varieties which have a tendency to repeat bloom. There are a number of species of weigela in horticulture, but most of them are varieties of W. florida, more familiar to nurserymen as W. rosea or amabilis. While this article is not the place for a discussion of nomenclature, nurserymen could well follow "Standardized Plant Names" more closely when dealing with this genus, as there is still some confusion over its species and varieties.) Since most of the weigelas are robust in growth, they are usually best planted in shrub borders or in screen plantings.

Value of Association

I mentioned once that some plants become associated unfairly with certain periods or fashions, with the result that they become typed; the canna is an example. Sometimes the effect is beneficial, as in the case of philadelphus, or mock orange, which is widely associated with weddings, so that its popularity remains constant. In addition, at least one species, P. virginalis, and its varieties have pleasant fragrance which appeals to almost everyone. There are many species of philadelphus, but P. virginalis, grandiflorus and coronarius are the principal ones found in horticulture. As plants they have some deficiencies. The habit is stiff and upright, and the foliage is rather sparse, nondescript and a gravish green in color. The flowers are white and either single or semidouble, usually borne in enough profusion to make a show, without rivaling the display of the pearlbush. Here, again, the plant's habit limits its usefulness to borders and to plantings used as foils for evergreens.

The deutzias, too, are numerous as

to species, although I have grown only four of them. The large-growing upright ones do not appeal to me, as their habit and foliage are similar to those of the philadelphus, with the white and pale pink flowers seemingly lost among the foliage. But the little slender deutzia, Deutzia gracilis, is one of my favorite deciduous plants. Rarely growing over three feet high, it has a graceful pendulous habit, with the foliage a medium green. The flowers, too, are borne profusely enough to make a real show. Since I am particularly fond of this shrub, I often use it where a low deciduous hedge is called for. It is also attractively used as a foil among yews, particularly in spots where azaleas will not survive.

We have a deutzia sent us from the United States Department of Agriculture that should have a certain measure of popularity. It has a soft pink flower darker than the

usual deutzia pinks, although the other qualities are typical.

Forms of Hydrangea

For horticultural purposes, there are two types of hydrangea, the woody forms and the semiherbaceous forms, although they are not so classed botanically. The woody forms are plants that were almost typed and associated with the 1890's; these are H. arborescens and H. paniculata, both of which have showy white panicles of flowers that will always assure them at least modest popularity. Among the woody hydrangeas these are the common shrubs. H. quercifolia does not have the qualities to make it really popular. The large, coarse foliage and the white flowers arouse curiosity and speculation in the gardener but not enthusiasm.

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All-America Rose Selections announced that Mrs. Roy Underwood. East Lansing, Mich., had won an allexpense-paid trip to Paris by submitting the winning entry in the national A. A. R. S. essay contest.

Entries from all over the United States were reviewed by a panel of judges. They were Arlene Francis. television personality; Margaret Herbst, president of the Garden Writers Association of America; Fred W. Walters, president of the American Rose Society; Clyde Stocking, president of American Association of Nurserymen, and L. A. Dean, president of All-America Rose Selec-

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Foliage of Cedrela Sinensis

in the Rochester parks could not stand the 22 degrees below zero weather experienced during the 1932-33 winter and were killed to the crown; as a result, the trees now have a fountain-like head formed by the several shoots of regrowth, which are clothed with the foliage seen on few other trees than ailanthus in this

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Mr. Tankard provides details of

the case as follows:

The case was heard before Judge Jeff Walter in the November, 1956. term of Circuit (Superior) court of Northampton county, the state being represented by an assistant attorney general. The Tankards sought to be relieved from an assessment of the tax named, penalties and interest for the years 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954, the amount involved being about \$1,100. The law exempted 'the business of farming' from the tax, and the question before the court was whether or not the growing and marketing of Tankard's nursery stock constituted 'the business of farming.' The state readily agreed it was 'agricultural business,' but contended it was not 'the business of farming' in the 'generally accepted sense of the word.' The Tankards, of course, maintained that it was farming, and the judge agreed. After reserving judgment, he entered an order to that effect early last month. The state did not appeal the decision.'

Thus the test case affecting nurserymen not only in Virginia, but perhaps also elsewhere, has turned out favorably. It probably will enable some nurserymen of Virginia to obtain refunds of such tax payments made under protest, Mr. Tankard

tates.

The last session (1956) of the Virginia legislature, Mr. Tankard adds, amended the law to make certain thereafter that the growing of nursery stock was exempted as "the business of farming," but this did not affect the assessment that had been made for years prior to 1956, as was the case with Tankard Nurseries.

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As usual a rose princess will be crowned in the amphitheater adjoining the rose garden the opening day of the festival. Friday, June 21, there will be a bankers' breakfast in the garden house, with a radio personality as host. Saturday, June 22, the festival of roses parade will be held in Newark and the children's garden will be dedicated. June 21 will be Roses, Inc., day; June 27, state garden club day, and June 29, American Rose Society day.

J. & P. TIME STORY

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zona and additional plantings near Richmond, Ind., and at Shiloh, N. J.

The Time article states that the firm began promoting floribunda roses in 1940, and today 70 per cent of its rose sales are in floribundas. Also popular are the 5-foot-tall tree roses, which cannot be grown fast enough to keep up with the orders at the Pleasanton, Calif., branch.

Although it deals chiefly in roses, the firm is a large grower of evergreens, mainly at the 800-acre Perkins-De Wilde Nursery, Shiloh, N. J. Delphinium and chrysanthemums are other specialties.

The president of the company, Charles H. Perkins, 67, has had more than half a century's experience in rose growing and selling. He was apprenticed at the age of 12 to an uncle who had started the business in 1872. Mr. Perkins bought control in 1928. After suffering losses during the depression, he broke into the mail-order field in 1940, encouraged by the then new United States plant patent law.

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PLANT NOTES HERE AND THERE

By C. W. Wood

Swamp Pink

All I have to do, when I get discouraged at the slow progress of gardening in this country, is to compare the present status of the swamp pink, Helonias bullata, with what it was about 75 years ago. Of course it is not yet seen so often as the lover of natives would like it to be, but its cultivation has progressed from the level that Meehan described about 1875. I quote from his "Native Flowers and Ferns of the United States": "We know of no successful attempts at cultivating it. In all the instances that have come to our knowledge, the plants dwindle from year to year, soon disappearing altogether. It is quite possible that it is a real swamp-loving plant, and may not find water enough in ordinary garden soil." It is true, as Meehan surmised, that it is a moisture lover. But in addition to moisture, I think it requires an acid soil, and a low level of acidity may have caused the trouble that Meehan reported. Anyway, modern gardeners seem to have no difficulty with it in a moist, acid soil. There it grows to a foot or slightly more in height, sending up a tuft of glossy, green, strap-shaped leaves from a tuberous root. A hollow scape bears a dense raceme of pretty rose-pink flowers in early spring. The blooming period comes before most bog plants that I know, making it especially desirable for extending the colorful season in that interesting part of the garden. Because it comes so quickly into flower after introduction into gentle heat, it makes a splendid pot plant for late winter and early spring sales.

To satisfy readers who like to know plants' economic uses (and there are many such curious folk, if my correspondence is any indica-tion), I shall quote Meehan's com-ment on that score: "We do not know that the plant has been of much use to mankind," he wrote. "Lindley says that a decoction is used in obstructions of the bowels; but it is well to remember that the whole tribe of melanthaceae [as the plant was classed before botanists decided it should be in the liliaceae group] is a very poisonous one, and medical experiments with them in unskilled hands will be very dangerous."

It is easily and rapidly propagated from the offsets which are freely produced. I sometimes read rather complicated directions in European literature for growing it from seeds, and when I do I wonder where they get the seeds; the plants never produced any in my trials.

Honesty

When a plant collects as many common names as Lunaria annua (L. biennis of the old school) has accumulated during its sojourn with gardeners, one can rest assured that it has been much loved by man. I suppose it was one of the first plants to awaken the appreciation of beauty in early European man, for it is native to that continent and its persistent, papery septums would surely attract even a savage. Anyway, it was an early garden plant and continues popular among gardeners to this day, especially in a dried state for winter bouquets. If one has space and time, he might find it profitable to grow it in quantity for fall and winter sales. I cannot refrain from

setting down the common names of the plant which I have collected during the years: Penny flower; money flower; silver plate; pricksong wort; white satin; money-in-bothpockets; monkey flower; satin pod; gold-and-silver; matrimony, and, of course, honesty.

Growing Silene Acaulis

Because I am not familiar with the climate of western New York. whence a reader inquires about the growing conditions needed by Silene acaulis, I am giving some general observations on the plant and its supposed needs. First of all, the plant has varied considerably as it has traveled over the mountains of Europe and America and spread through much of the boreal regions of these two continents. The variance occurs not so much in flower color. though that runs all the way from white through pale pink to deep rose. but in floriferousness and density of cushion. This circumstance makes it

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difficult to give any hard and fast rules for cultivation unless one knows the origin of the material one is writing about.

It is not strange to find one gardener writing that the plant is easy to grow and is also a profuse bloomer, while another says it is difficult of culture and sparing of flowers. Beyond a doubt the conflict of these reports springs from the difference between the materials the gardeners are working with. Unfortunately, I have had few floriferous plants out of the scores that I have grown from seeds from many sources, including the Rocky mountains, New Hampshire, Quebec, Europe and Alaska. But I readily believe others when they say they have plants that bloom freely, for I have seen solid pink mounds of it on several occasions, notably in an eastern nursery several years ago.

A survey of the natural habitats of the plant will reveal that it needs cool growing conditions, and that, I am sure, is one secret of its successful culture. This far north it may be grown in full sun, if it has the root moisture it needs, but farther south it would no doubt need some shade during the middle of the day. Root moisture it does need, and, at the same time, good drainage is essential for lasting success. In my trials it performed best in a scree mixture, i.e., one made up mostly of sand and gravel. I recall, though, that one trial in a compost of sand, sifted ashes and a good dash of leaf mold was highly successful.

Some Thoughts on Baptisia

A group of legumes known to botanists as baptisia contains several interesting plants, a few of which make good garden material. One, Baptisia australis, is known to most commercial plant growers and especially to florists, since they have learned the value of its leaves in make-up work and in floral arrangements. Amateur arrangers, who also have been quick to learn the plant's advantages, constitute another good sales field. Baptisia tinctoria was used by our forefathers as a source of dye, a commercial province now taken over by the chemist and his products.

Still another species, B. leucophaea, or B. bracteata, from the dry prairies of the middle west, is waiting for garden makers to adopt it and give it a dry, sunny spot, where it can settle down to years of vigorous growth, generously producing its 1-sided racemes of cream-colored flowers during May. During the rest of the year, it will decorate its home with the usual handsome

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baptisia foliage. Its branches are up to 18 inches in length, but its lax, spreading growth habit usually restricts it to one foot in height. That will suggest a number of uses to the experienced gardener. It may be used in the rock garden as well as in the sunny border. Grow it from seeds, planted in spring or fall, soaking the seeds about 24 hours in warm water if they are sown in spring.

The choice of name for this species is evidently one of individual preference, because even botanists do not seem to agree on the answer. "Hortus," for instance, is noncommital, saying only that B. leucophaea is "probably not distinct from B. bracteata."

Monkshoods

A recent request asks for methods of propagating monkshoods and for a few words on the different kinds, especially the ones that bloom in summer. As the inquirer did not say what facilities he possesses, I shall cover both seedage and division, the latter especially as applied to the cool greenhouse. Seedage is usually successful if the seeds and soils are never allowed to dry out after planting and the little seedlings are shaded from the hot sun. There are other stumbling blocks to success, however. Ordinary weeding may disturb the roots of monkshoods, setting back the plants; if the taproots are broken, it means the loss of that plant.

Division is the most satisfactory commercial method of monkshood propagation, I believe, especially if one has a cool, or even a cold, greenhouse to work with. Even with the best of luck, however, one should not normally expect more than a doubling of his stock. Healthy corms are potted up in late fall or early winter, depending upon when they go dormant, left in a coldframe until after freezing weather, then taken into a cold house where the temperature can be kept at about 30 degrees for two or three weeks. The temperature is then gradually increased to 45 degrees by early March. New corms should have matured by planting-out time, not later than late April in the latitude of Chicago, and these should be broken off and set in the

Monkshoods should be one of the most important summer and autumn-flowering plants. If July and August flowers are most needed, the gardener should look to Aconitum napellus and its varieties, though success with these will naturally lead to a trial of the autumn bloomers, such as A. autumnale, A. fischeri and its variety wilsoni, the last-

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Iris Prairie Sunset

I made a note of a conversation last year that I had with a midwest neighborhood nurseryman about Iris Prairie Sunset, which I misplaced upon my return home. It just recently came to light, and I make use of it now, in part, because it contains a pertinent suggestion which I am sure could be used by other sellers at the local level. I paraphrase as follows:

"Practically all my iris sales are made from the show garden during the flowering season for delivery later. That makes it possible for me to make sales which I never could make by means of the printed word. Take Prairie Sunset, for example. How many of my customers would buy it from the printed description, in which I should have to call the color a blend of peach, rose, apricot, copper and gold? Not many, I can assure you, for I have tried it. Yet, show the actual flower to an iris fan and a sale is made. I bought the variety by sight and I sell it by sight, as I do many of my other plants, including chrysanthemums and day

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and early flowering (a week earlier than the variety St. John's Fire) are deciding factors in one's choice of Salvia splendens, I think the new Fireball will be found a good one. It branches freely from the base, acquiring the form referred to in its name. Incidentally, it makes a good pot plant for summer and fall flowering. St. John's Fire, mentioned before, is next in earliness, so far as my experience goes, and in dwarfness (about a foot). Gardeners like this variety, about the reddest of all the scarlet sages. Blaze of Fire does not lag far behind St. John's Fire in blooming and grows 15 inches in height. If a tall-growing variety is wanted. Bonfire in one of its selected. even-growing strains would be my choice. Carefully selected strains of Bonfire are far superior to the uneven-growing type of splendens with which it is often compared.

Beyond the normal red shades, Rose Flame is the best that I have seen, its coral-pink color being clearer than that of others which have been described as pink. It reached a height of about 20 inches in trials in northern Michigan. A word of caution should be sounded on White Fire, a rather new creamy-white variety. It seems to be no exception to other white and near-white varieties in that it is most unsatisfactory when grown in the open, spotting and burning badly. It does, however, give excellent results in a cloth house.

LILAC FESTIVAL ORIGIN

The lilac time festival period celebrated May 12 to 18 at Rochester, N. Y., this year was officially designated John Dunbar memorial week, as it is to John Dunbar that Rochester owes the origin and development of its unparalleled lilac collection. This eminent Scotch horticulturist initiated the present great collection early in 1891 when he set out the first shrubs, they being among about 1,000 flowering plants acquired by Mr. Dunbar and set out in Highland park at that time.

During the years which followed, with the enthusiastic cooperation of Dr. Edward Mott Moore and Calvin C. Laney, former Rochester park commissioners, he greatly enlarged these first plantings. The three men may be popularly deemed a triumvirate in the development of the Rochester park system, their names being indissolubly connected with the city's parks. John Dunbar seemed city's parks. John Dunbar seemed lilacs as a popular specialty, and during the time he was with the park system, some 35 years, he is known to have developed

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On lilac Sunday, May 12, this year, in recognition of the pioneer work done by Mr. Dunbar and in appreciation of his vast contribution to the beauty of Rochester, a bronze tablet at the foot of the slope where the earlier-planted lilac shrubs are located was dedicated to him.

SOUTHERN SURVEY

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er right along, in spite of extremely high rates. The motor freight service is not much better, except in limited areas. We are turning more and more to delivery in bulk on semitrailer trucks.

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"Sales were good this spring, but the weather was terrible, due to the excessive rain in the first three and one-half months of this year-about 30 inches. There were 75 days of rain in the first 100 days of this year. Average rainfall here for the whole year is about 52 inches.

"So it is my guess that we are in for a long dry spell this summer. With our late plantings it might be a rough growing season, as one extreme usually follows another.

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Good Year in Tennessee

A good cleanup of stock, with wet weather making work difficult, is reported for this spring by George A. Cultra, Morning Star Nursery, Rives, Tenn. Writing May 8, he stated:

"Our shipping has all but ended. We have had one of our best years and have cleaned up very well, but as always some things are left over.

"The help situation was about the same, with plenty, such as it was. Shipping offered no problems, as practically everything went out in trailer trucks, and we were fairly well supplied.

"The weather gave us cause for complaint, though, for we had one of the wettest spring seasons in several years. There were few days when we dug this spring that most of the balls were not completely flat, with water running out of lots of them. It makes it hard to meet deliveries on B&B stock when the weather conditions are like that.

"As to stock, there is a fair supply of most items, but the problem is getting it dug and to the customer at the proper time. But it looks like we are not the only ones who have had trouble along that line.

"Our planting conditions are about the same, with no increases over the past few years. At the present time all our planting is done and we are in the process of getting the nursery cleaned up and have already started on the weeds.

"There can be no cutback in price with the increased overhead that exists."

Brisk Trade in Texas

"News from Texas is the weather, which is usually interesting, sometimes disastrous and almost always extreme," writes Clark Kidd, Arp Nursery Co., Tyler, Tex. He continues:

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the average rainfall. With the weather so cloudy and cool, the mayor proclaimed a late Rose day for 1957—May 5. Again this spring the Texas stock of roses and pecan trees sold out early, except for a few long varieties of patented roses, most difficult to estimate at time of budding.

"The extent of midwinter planting of cuttings is not known, nor can the trend in a supply for the 1957-58 shipping season be reasonably estimated until field work opens up and living buds and grafts can be counted.

"There was a 20 per cent increase in volume of mail-order business over last year's, up to March 1, when the trend was reversed as the rains came. The season's business at wholesale was brisk, the demand excellent. Profit-wise, there will be no good news until some bold group of nurserymen strikes abruptly and substantially with nursery price increases to overtake regularly advancing costs of producing.

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of the chapter, announced that the next meeting would be held at Eaton's Santa Anita restaurant, Arcadia, and would feature a tour of the Los Angeles Arboretum, in which members of the San Fernando chapter would participate.

Harold J. Botts, Sec'y.

SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER

Trails Round-Up, Fresno, was the meeting place of the San Joaquin chapter of the California Association of Nurserymen April 18. The meeting was called to order by Secretary M. E. Gardner, Stribling's Nurseries, Merced, in the absence of President Robert Moffett, A. J. Moffett & Sons, Gustine. Guests from the Reynolds Soil Conditioner Co. were introduced by Syd Whitehorn, Fresno. Ivan Stribling, Jr., Stribling's Nurseries, a director of the chapter, gave a complete report of the California Association of Nurserymen directors' meeting.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Rose and Andy Caglia, of Andy's Nursery, Fresno, for their splendid effort to make the chapter meeting successful. Dean Rose, of the agency of the state compensation insurance fund, gave a resume of its services.

It was noted that the attendance was at a minmum for the chapter and that regular member nurseries were not represented as they should be. Fresno State College, Fresno, was announced as the next meeting place, May 16. Louis LaValley promised a tour of the campus facilities.

M. E. Gardner, Sec'y.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

A meeting of the Los Angeles chapter, California Association of Nurserymen, was held April 25 at Carpenter's restaurant, Arcadia. After the meeting was called to order by President Charles Crum, Rosedale's Nurseries, Inc., Monrovia, the plant forum was opened by Otto Martens, Deigaard Nurseries, Monrovia, who showed several varieties of ficus and discussed their uses in landscaping. William Connors, Descanso Distributors, Chino, showed the 1957 All-America Rose Selections award winner, White Bouquet, and some specimen blooms from the lilac, Lavender Lady, which is now on the market.

Decorations were prepared by Verona Weeks, Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Ontario, and dinner music was supplied by Tony Gonzales at the organ. The White Bouquet rose and the lilacs displayed in the plant forum were won by Lee Leiva, of Deigaard Nurseries, and Mrs. Jean Wheeler, of Select Nursery, Whittier, respectively. Among the guests present were Peter Mordigan, president of the San Fernando chapter, C. A. N., and his wife.

President Crum displayed the plaque presented to the C. A. N. by the international flower show and announced that Mrs. Grivel, of the 5 & 10 Nursery, Tustin, was in the St. Joseph hospital, Orange. Charles Wagoner, California Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, described some of the classes in the field of horticulture at the college and told how students qualify themselves for work in the field after graduation.

Speaker of the evening was the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, Jr., pastor of the Glendale Baptist church, who spoke on "Looking Forward in the Horticulture Profession."

Norman Springer, Bandini Fertilizer Co., Los Angeles, vice-president

OAKLAND GARDEN SHOW

The 25th presentation of the California spring home and garden show at the Oakland Exposition building. Oakland, May 12 to 14, marked the beginning of a third epoch in the history of this annual exhibition. Starting as a small formal flower show sponsored by the Oakland Businessmen's Garden Club, the event grew steadily larger until it entered a second phase by incorporating and engaging Howard Gilkey as show designer. Now, after an 8-year leave of absence from the show enforced by poor health, Mr. Gilkey has returned as designer, and the annual exposition has entered its third phase with the addition of facilities for exhibits by home builders. With the addition of this group of exhibitors, the show has been officially renamed the California spring home and garden show.

This year the theme of the show was Shangri-La, the haven from the



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tribulations of the outside world depicted in James Hilton's book, "Lost Horizon." This theme was used as a symbol of the solace and happiness to be found in one's home and garden. Establishing the spirit of the theme, a large snow bank was constructed at the entrance to the main hall. The visitor crossed the snow, with the wind moaning and blowing over his head, went through a darkened passage and emerged in a Shangri-La of mountains, trees, waterfalls and plants.

Mountain Scenery

Featured at the far end of the hall was a high waterfall backed by realistic, snow-covered mountains. Rhododendrons, azaleas, roses, orchids, iris, tulips and annual and perennial flowers filled the hall. Shrubs of many kinds were arranged in keeping with the Oriental theme, which was further accented by hanging lanterns, a gold Buddha, a dragon and a hall of 1,000 bells. All this was made possible by the efforts of the growers of ornamental plants of the east bay area, who planned for months to produce the plantings required by the design-

ers and who also executed the plans. Among the prize-winning gardens, that of the Lyal Nickals Nursery, San Leandro, featured a Japanese garden arranged around a large pool containing a stone shrine over which water cascaded. The plantings in the water were largely of water lilies. About the pool were Japanese cutleaved maples, exotically trained azaleas, rhododendrons and evergreens. Also in the design were dichondra lawn areas, cut-leaved philodendrons and large numbers of other plants

carefully spaced for exhibition. The California Nursery Co., Niles, received the highest merit certificate in the show for its display and a special prize for a new plant introduc-tion, a variety of Larix pendula. The exhibit included a small pool surrounded by a planting of ground juniper and other evergreen ground covers and azaleas and other flowering plants. Instead of grass or tan bark, coarse gravel was used here, as in most of the exhibits this year, for walks and open areas. There were water lilies in the pool, supplied by the Johnson Water Gardens, Paramount, and in the background were redwood trees and other evergreens. including several weeping forms.

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barbecue. The plantings featured easily-grown annuals and perennials.

The Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, Berkeley, had a display of evergreen flowering shrubs and ferns; the planting was compact, practical and well designed. Gomes & Son, Oakland, had a massive display of exotic evergreens and flowering plants surrounding a large open pool. The Sunset Nursery, Danville, featured a Japanese garden with a gravel patio, flowering evergreen shrubs, weeping willows, poplars and glazed clay planters well arranged and planted.

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The exhibitors of home wares and garden supplies reported better business than for several past years. Total paid admissions reached an all-time high, after several years of a lowered attendance, and everyone connected with the show agreed that it was a renewed and most successful event.

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CALIFORNIA NOTES

Several bay area retail nurserymen had a preview of some of the newer roses when they attended the meeting of Roses, Inc., at the Villa Chartier, San Mateo, April 30. Among the roses shown at the time were Baccara, White Butterfly, Pink Sensation, Sterling Silver, Red Bird, White Jewell, Yellow Gold, Honey Gold and Gold Strike. Shown also were several unnamed hybrids that the breeders thought showed promise.

Control of bacterial rot in cuttings of dieffenbachia by the use of agrimycin is reported by Dr. Donald Munnecke, of the department of plant pathology at the University of California in Los Angeles. He advises, too, that the knives used for taking the cuttings be dipped into a solution of mercury before each new plant is handled, that the cuttings be dipped for about 20 minutes and that the cuttings be rooted in a sterilized mixture.

More than 100 rhododendron plants, representing nearly as many varieties, were on display at Union square, in San Francisco, during the 14th annual April rhododendron week sponsored by the Down Town Association and the San Francisco recreation and park department. Golden Gate park is world-famous for its rhododendrons, with more than 500 kinds growing in various parts of the park.

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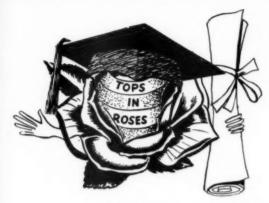
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cultural experiment station, California Agriculture, for April was devoted entirely to water problems. Among the items given special consideration were sprinkler spacing, corrosion of aluminum pipe, water penetration of soils, water-plant-soil relations, use of reclaimed water, allocation of ground water and water rights. There were also articles on tree irrigation and on irrigation of ornamentals.

Peters & Wilson, Millbrae, held their annual Easter daffodil show April 18 to 20.

The Shaffer Tropical Gardens, Capitola, featured African violets in their annual at home event during much of May.

San Francisco's smog problem is increasing steadily, the air pollution control board was told by Benjamin Linsky, the city's newly employed air pollution control director, at a meeting in Los Angeles. He said that oil by-products in the air caused at least \$1,000,000 worth of damage to San Francisco's commercial producers of ornamentals in 1956.

Clyde Stocking, San Jose rosarian, spoke on "Rootstocks for Better Roses" at the April meeting of the San Francisco Rose Society.

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the Campbell Iris Gardens, Campbell, spoke on "Iris" at the May
meeting of the Los Altos Garden

San Francisco's mayor, George Christopher, urged the state division of highways to spend more gasoline tax funds on a "hard-hitting public relations program" aiming to recast the public's image of freeways. He was addressing the American Right of Way Association at its annual meeting at San Francisco. A. C. Birnie, of the San Francisco office of the state division of highways, replied that some money is spent for landscaping, but it is the policy to provide "full landscaping treatment" for freeways in cities only when the cities have antibillboard ordinances. He added that San Francisco's billboard control covers only a part of the present freeway network.

Retail ornamental nurserymen throughout the state report that business so far this spring has been spotty. The weather has not been settled for any long period, and homeowners do not seem to have done so much planting as they often do. Areas where subdivisions have been established for several years now seem to show good activity. Prices are about the same as those of a year ago, with more cut-rate nurseries becoming established in some of the urban areas. W. B. B.

NEW OREGON CHAPTERS

Several officers of the Oregon Association of Nurserymen journeyed to Eugene, Ore., April 30 and then to Medford May 1 to aid in the establishment of two new chapters of the organization. The officials were Paul Van Allen, Portland Wholesale Nursery Co., Portland, president of the O. A. N.; W. P. Nuffer, Portland Wholesale Nursery Co., chairman of the chapter organization committee; James Doty, Doty & Doerner, Inc., Portland, trustee, and Charles H. Potter, executive secretary.

In each place the state officers conferred with the local nurserymen and then presided as the constitution and bylaws were approved and officers were elected. The Eugene organization meeting was called by Reed Vollstedt, Reed's Garden Center, Eugene, organizing chairman. The Medford organizing chairman was Vernon Marshall, Marshall Nursery & Florist, Medford.

The Eugene group, named the Emerald Empire chapter of the O. A. N., elected Reed Vollstedt president;

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Arthur Prescott, Prescott's for Gardeners, Eugene, vice-president, and Bruce Brechtbill, Brechtbill's Nursery, Eugene, secretary-treasurer. Named as directors were Robert Zonneveld, Van Dyke Gardens, Eugene: Jack Douglas, Douglas Lawn Shop, Eugene; Ed Cross, Eugene landscape gardener, and Arthur Childers, Rhodoland, Veneta.

Officers of the Cascade chapter, the Medford organization, are the following: Marcel Le Piniac, Garden Center Nursery, Medford, president: Elwood Stansfield, Stansfield Nursery, Medford, vice-president, and Vernon Marshall, Marshall Nursery & Florist, Medford, secretary-treasurer. Directors are L. A. Baker, Ba-ker Nursery, Klamath Falls; C. E. Moyer, C. E. Moyer Nursery; Winston; Carl Fowler, Pleasant View Nursery, Grants Pass, and Lewis Blyth, Lewis Nursery, Medford. C. H. P.

OREGON NOTES

April 18 was a big day for the Portland Wholesale Nursery Co. It was on that date in 1907, 50 years ago, that the Portland company was started.

W. P. Nuffer, of this firm, appeared on the KOIN Farm Facts program as "farmer of the week" April 27.

Newspapers of Eugene and Medford gave considerable publicity to the recent organizational meetings held in the two cities to form the Emerald Empire chapter and the Cascade chapter, respectively, of the Oregon Association of Nurserymen.

Nurserymen of the state report a busy spring this year. Sales, according to some nurseries, will be the highest experienced in their histories. C. H. P.

PREHN CAREER TOLD

Walter Prehn, owner of the Floral Arts Nursery, San Francisco, Calif., was the subject of a recent feature article in a local newspaper. Entering the horticultural field in 1923, Mr. Prehn first worked as a gardener on private estates and then as operator of a garden service. Later, after augmenting his practical experience with professional studies, he passed the state examination required for obtaining a license as landscape contractor and joined the staff of a nursery in 1937 to gain experience in merchandising, selling and nursery management. In 1947 he opened the Floral Arts Nursery, which now offers a wide range of nursery stock, garden supplies and a complete landscape service.

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Tons of Rock Used

Twelve tons of rock and selected stone from Georgia, Tennessee, Utah, Arizona, Oregon and Washington were used in the beautiful theme garden. Emphasis was placed on terrebone rock, a pinkish, natural Oregon stone much in favor in Oregon gardens at present. Towering over this display was an 18-foot waterfall, sending 500 gallons of water per minute into a brook which coursed 80 feet through the theme garden and ended in a modern pool. Also featured in the garden were four patios, designed in the traditional, rustic. Oriental and modern manners.

On the day prior to the show opening, thousands of shrubs, trees and other plants were moved into the theme garden and into other displays arranged by nurserymen and landscape gardeners in an annex building adjoining the building in which the theme garden of the show was constructed. It was estimated that more than \$200,000 worth of nursery and florists' stock was used in the show. Among the nursery plants shown were many fine specimen items, such as rhododendrons and azaleas, some of which were 25 years old.

Held at Fairgrounds

The fourth annual show, like former exhibitions, was held in the Multnomah county fair buildings at Gresham. This was the first show held since 1955, because the disastrous freeze in the fall of 1955 ruined many shrubs and trees that were to have been used in the 1956 show.

Sponsors of the show are the Oregon Association of Nurserymen; Landscape Gardeners, Inc., and the Oregon Florists' Club, in cooperation with the board of county commissioners of Multnomah county. Indiby th by I shrul then build by a

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vidual nurserymen entered displays which featured everything from patios to garden scenes.

An entire building was also used by the florists. Still another was used by nurserymen, where plants and shrubs, such as those used in the theme building, were for sale. Other buildings on the grounds were used by amateurs and garden clubs.

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PACIFIC COAST REPORTS

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this specific area we are now feeling the pressure of demand resulting from 10 to 12 years of popula-

tion and housing increase.

"The past season definitely indicated that a considerable percentage of the citizens in this new area are becoming garden conscious, and it is our opinion that the demand for many types of nursery stock in this area will continue to exceed the supply for some time to come. Coupled with this increased demand is an increase in the number of retail nurseries, as almost every subdivision of any size has one or more shopping centers, which in turn will eventually have in them a retail nursery serving the local area. This, of course, has made it difficult for the wholesalers adequately to service the retail nurseries, and there has developed a further marketing function through the rapid expansion of wholesale nurseries who are both producers and, especially, brokers of a general line of nursery stock.

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"Shipping problems, locally, embrace the greater use of our own trucks, which means more capital investments in equipment and higher labor costs. Increased volume of shipments out of the state create problems because of consistently increasing freight rates. Wherever possible we are using combination carloads or truckloads.

"We have had a rather open winter, so many of our retail nurseries have been busy practically since last October. However, we had a cool spell during the early and middle parts of April, which checked the demand for nursery stock. Business is still progressing satisfactorily for most retailers. We believe that there will continue to be a shortage of certain types of nursery stock in this area, as it seems to be virtually impossible to increase production rapidly enough to keep up with the rising demand.

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"Collections have been reasonably good this season, compared with recent years."

Previous Records Broken

While his firm's sales set a new record this season, Howard Past, president, Monrovia Nursery Co., Azusa, Calif., sees the time near when promotion efforts will have to be stronger. He writes:

"The demand for container-grown nursery stock has been heavy this spring, and we of the Monrovia Nursery Co. are happy that we have broken all previous records as to sales.

"The demand for container-grown material seems to be gaining all over the United States, and we are now shipping into practically all states. In order to meet a fast delivery schedule it has been necessary for us this year to load our trucks at night as well as in the daytime. We installed floodlights on our shipping dock, and this seemed to work out in a satisfactory manner.

"There was an ample supply of labor available this season. However, the big problem seems to be the lack of young personnel interested in the nursery business.

"The weather conditions in general were excellent in our particular locality. We lost little work this winter due to rainy conditions. We might point out, however, that the retail nurserymen, in southern California in particular, did not do so well, as it seemed to rain on Sundays, and in southern California business is heavy over the week-ends.

"The supply of nursery stock for the coming year will be approximately 10 per cent over last year's stock, and we have raised our prices approximately 5 per cent to take care of the increased costs of operating our business. We believe, however, that to maintain our increased sales quota it will be necessary for us to use considerable ingenuity during the coming years.

"It seems that the shortage of nursery stock will not be so great in the coming years and that we will have to do more promoting and ad-

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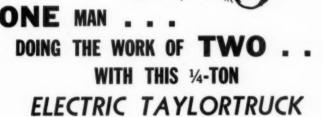
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"Our weather this year has been favorable for the production of evergreens. The help situation has eased. Cost of shipping, especially B&B stock, remains a problem.

"In this area we expect a critical shortage of evergreens, especially in finished stock, for several years to come. "We have completed moving our propagating nursery, including 4,-000,000 trees, to our larger growing area. Our new propagating facilities will almost double our output."

Portland Prosperity

Heavier sales this spring and anticipated price increases are items in the report on local business by A. H. Steinmetz, manager, Portland Wholesale Nursery Co., Portland, Ore.:

"Our shipping season is over now and like most other wholesale firms in this area, we find sales for the season heavier than ever before. The, demand for all lines of stock has been strong, and little salable stock has failed to find a market. Most retailers likewise report good business,

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and increased quantities of nursery stock have been sold through shopping centers and roadside stands.

"We have experienced no particular labor problem, and shipping by both truck and rail seems to have

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"Our shipping season was prolonged about two weeks due to cool, rainy weather, and planting was delayed accordingly, but warm weather during late April and early May brought our growing season just about back to normal. Bud stands are good, and the supply should be better than during the past two vears.

"Prices at wholesale are being raised about 10 per cent for next year, and to justify this, quality and service will have to be improved. There is a general feeling of prosperity in the trade here in the Portland area.

MAIL-ORDER SALES

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those materials all spring and expect to continue to ship until the season ends or until we run out of stock. We planted some of these frozen perennials last July and had close to a 100 per cent stand on them; so we are sure they are going to give great satisfaction to our customers.

"All of our de luxe grade of fruit trees are also entirely wrapped in polyethylene film, and it is interesting to note that some fruit trees which we dug last October for wrapping in polyethylene for fall sales, but did not use, were opened just a short time ago after having remained wrapped and in storage all winter, without any watering or care whatsoever, and were in as good condition as when they were first wrapped last fall.

"Wrapping the perennials in polyethylene film during the winter, with a small crew, has enabled us to cut between 20 and 30 persons from our perennial shipping room force for March, April and May.

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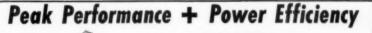
Drought, Shipping Problems in Iowa

Wayne Ferris, Earl Ferris Nursery Co., Hampton, Ia., notes adverse affects of weather and shipping costs on season's trade, writing:

"Our sales this year are ahead of last year's, though 1956 is not a fair year for comparison, and they are just even with 1955 sales. Last year we had an extremely long season, and it looks like this one will end considerably earlier.

"We are suffering here (in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota) for lack of rain. I am sure we would have had a good deal more business had we received the ample rainfall recorded in southern Iowa. We have had considerable increase so far in our drive-in business, which has been better, in proportion, than the mailorder business.

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Ahead of 1956 in South Dakota

The arrival of rains started a sales pickup that has led to a slight gain over last year's record, writes Ted Korves, Gurney Seed & Nursery Co., Yankton, S. D. He reports:

"Again this year weather conditions have been a deciding factor as far as sales are concerned. Our sales through March were considerably below last year's, but with the coming of rains in much of our trade area during April, orders began to come in well. As of the first of May, sales were slightly ahead of last year's, and orders are still coming in well. Part of this increase may be due to a better mailing piece than the one we used last year.

"All classes of nursery stock seem to be in normal demand, with hardy chrysanthemum sales considerably ahead of last season's. Most shipments are reaching the customers without too much delay, with the exception of stock shipped by express that had to go through terminals affected by labor troubles. Serious delays have often resulted in these instances.

Southern Illinois Gains

"Mail-order business this spring was considerably better than that of the past two years," writes J. W. Hanley, Hanley's Nursery, Carbondale, Ill. "Local business has suffered considerably from almost constant rainfall, which has eliminated possibility of gardening, with a resultant substantial loss in local cashand-carry business. The weather has cleared up now, though, and we have some indications of an extension of the spring season which could offer some recovery.

"The supply of stock has been good and quality has been exceptional, no doubt due to the good growing weather of last summer.

"The picture here is on the optimistic side."

Mail Scare Damaging

An early-season improvement over 1956 was offset by reductions as a result of the mail service curtailment threat in April, reports Elden H. Burgess, Burgess Seed & Plant Co., Galesburg, Mich., writing:

"We were well pleased with the start of the season which, although it had short-term fluctuations, ran pretty consistently at 10 to 12 per cent ahead of last year, until the time Mr. Summerfield made his anck by portae that -order

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nouncement of curtailment of mail service. Within three days we had a reduction of nearly 40 per cent in the volume of orders coming in, and in two weeks' time we had lost all of the gains made during the previous three months.

"Our business during May appears to be about normal, but the recession happened too late in the season to permit recovery of even a small part of the loss suffered in the mail scare."

Minnesota Has Ups and Downs

All departments are ahead of last year in sales, reports K. E. Relyea, Farmer Seed & Nursery Co., Faribault, Minn. His comments follow:

"The weather in our part of Minnesota has been so unusual this year that it is difficult for us to analyze our business before we analyze the weather. We had a very open winter with some cold but not unseasonable weather. Moisture all winter was at a minimum, with little snow cover. March and the month of April up until Easter were unseasonably dry and cold. About Easter the weather turned hot; in the week immediately following Easter and in the last week of April temperatures were in the high 80's, with still no rain. The week-end of May 2 to 4

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was unseasonably cold, with freezing temperatures each night.

"Business has been much the same as the weather. It was steady in February and March, showing some increase in all departments and causing us to be extremely optimistic. April had terrific ups and downs, due somewhat to the mail restrictions and poor express service. We are fortunate enough to be slightly ahead in all departments, with the mail-order plant department the farthest ahead.

"The best way to sum up the situation to date is to say that it is not an exceptionally good year, but it is better than last year, which was a poor one. It would seem that people are looking more toward ornamentals than they are to vegetables, but are also shopping for bargains, which opens them up for the unscrupulous practices of the fly-bynight nurserymen."

UPRIGHT SUGAR MAPLES

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normal yellow green of ordinary sugar maple, rather thin in texture, with flat margins. On Newton sentry the leaves have a resemblance to those of the black maple, being dark green and leathery, with wavy margins. In older specimens the structural difference between the two forms becomes apparent. Newton sentry usually exhibits a strong central trunk with few secondary ascending branches, all clothed with stubby lateral branches. Temple's upright is, in contrast, a column of ascending branches, usually without a dominant central one, and if a windstorm whips off a lower branch, as it did recently to a specimen in Highland park at Rochester, it leaves a hole well up toward the top of the

At Highland park two somewhat nontypical specimens of Newton sentry have been produced. They can be duplicated by early removal of the few strong upright branches which appear, leaving only the short lateral branches around a central trunk. Continuing attention is necessary to prevent awkward and structurally unsound branching near the top, and this type of artificial production is not recommended except where there is an accommodating fire department handy with its high ladder equipment.

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BOOK REVIEWS

GARDEN CENTERS

The series of articles on "Operating a Garden Center" that appeared recently in the American Nurseryman have been revised, supplied with additional illustrations and printed in a handsome hard-bound book with a green cover, at \$3 per copy. Those who desired reprints of these articles may now have them put in book form, and others who wished to give the articles more careful reading and retain them for reference in future operations will welcome this book.

The author, John J. Pinney, is a wholesale nurseryman, who not only has given attention to the problems of his retail customers for many years, but has also followed the development of garden centers as a means of selling nursery stock and related merchandise. For any person who is opening a garden center or plans to do so, this book is a must.

NEW ENCYCLOPAEDIA

For the commercial grower, both under glass and outdoors, and the amateur gardener, there has just been published one of the outstanding reference books of this era. "Encyclopaedia of Annual and Biennial Garden Plants," by Charles O. Booth, published in Great Britain and issued in this country by the Macmillan Co., at \$12.50. For every species of commercial importance, states the author, separate notes have been made of their proper commercial cultivation, together with brief accounts of American methods where these differ from the current practice in Great Britain.

The chief section of the book, part II, occupying 286 of its 448 pages, discusses some 1,200 species of annual and biennial plants in detail. In this section the plants are briefly described, but most of the text treats of their cultivation. The text is in everyday English, without botanical flourishes.

Part I includes six chapters relating to the characteristics of annual and perennial plants, growing them from seeds, their cultivation in the open, their cultivation under glass, insects and other pests, and parasitic diseases and nutritional disorders.

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1957 ROSE ANNUAL

The American Rose Annual for 1957 takes its place with its predecessors, alike in format and diverse in contents. Its 265 pages contain numerous articles on pertinent subjects all the way from botanical to gardening in the desert or far-away Hawaii. Among the more interesting to commercial growers are the articles on rose understock experiments, breeding winter-hardy rambler roses, container-grown roses and some others. Most of the articles, of course, are aimed at the several thousand members of the American Rose Society, most of whom are amateurs and each of whom receive a copy of the annual for the low membership fee of \$5.50 per year. Frank H. Abrahamson is the editor. Not the least of the attractions of the book are 21 plates of new roses in full color. An important part of the book is the department, "Proof of the Pudding," in which members briefly comment on newer varieties in 102 pages. The book sells for \$4.50.

LIGHT AND CHLOROPHYLL

Two small French works, that on light and vegetation by Jean Terrien and George Truffaut, and one on chlorophyll by Jules Carles, have been translated by Madge E. Thompson so that those important works are now available in English. "Light, Vegetation and Chlorophyll," as the book in English is titled, has just been printed in England and published in this country by the Philosophical Library, at \$6.

The work by Terrien and Truffaut has to do with the nature of light as a form of energy and the light requirement of plants in different parts of the world. The mechanism of the utilization of light by plants is discussed, and the degree to which the needs of plants can be

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met by artificial light sources is considered in relation to the improvement of crops and their production out of season. This work occupies 146 pages of the 228-page book, and the remainder is concerned largely with the chemistry of chlorophyll and photosynthesis, under the title of chlorophyll and energy. There is also a useful summary of the importance of chlorophyll in the presentday world.

JUNIORS' PROGRAM

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CONARD-PYLE ANNIVERSARY

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ton, joined the firm in 1930. From 1937, he served as vice-president and general manager until Robert Pyle's death in 1951; shortly after, with several associates, he purchased Mr. Pyle's interest in the business and became president.

An important turning point in the progress of the firm occurred just after Mr. Hutton joined the firm. This was the development of the garden mart part of the business and was a direct outgrowth of the depression of the '30's. In the late '20's, the Conard-Pyle Co. had begun to propagate and sell evergreens and shrubs and had also been wholesaling roses and other plants. In 1929-30, the company's biggest plantings to date had been made. There followed a severe decline throughout the nursery business, and the Conard-Pyle Co. went out of the wholesale business entirely. The need to explore new fields for income and to keep as much as possible of its trained labor force intact led naturally into cash-and-carry selling of plant materials. A garden mart proved to be the answer. This decision put Conard-Pyle Co. in local retail selling of many kinds of plants and garden supplies as well as in the mail-order field.

Two garden marts were subsequently established. One of these, near the company offices and adjacent to the greenhouses, is open every day of the year. The other, on U. S. Route No. 1 near the C-P rose fields, is open from mid-May until the fall planting season is over. The greatest growth of the marts, slow at first, began after World War II. Today, the marts are set up as a separate department under the direction of Hiram Johnson, an Ohio State University graduate, and are an important part of the business.

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Perhaps the most significant event in the fortunes of the Conard-Pyle Co., from the viewpoint of both immediate and long-lasting results, occurred some years after the first meeting in France of Robert Pyle and Francis Meilland, the young French hybridizer. This was the



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Mr. Meilland made his first visit to America in 1935. It was 10 years after this visit that Peace was introduced in America by the Conard-Pyle Co. The rose took the country by storm. In the years since its budwood was smuggled out of France in the diplomatic pouch of the American consul at Lyon, to prevent seizure by the Germans, and delivered to the Conard-Pyle Co., this rose is believed to have outsold any other rose ever put on the market.

Staff Additions

Just prior to the introduction of Peace, Sidney B. Hutton, Jr., joined the firm (1942). Upon Robert Pyle's death, nine years later, Sidney, Jr., succeeded to his father's erstwhile position of vice-president and general manager, a post which he holds today. In 1948, another son, Richard, joined the firm and is now treasurer and shipping manager. Both are also directors. At about this time, two other members of the present staff arrived to strengthen their respective departments-George Hart, now garden consultant and lecturer, and Thomas Yerkes, office manager. In 1954, Niels Rasmussen, with experience gained in Denmark and in Oregon, went to the Conard-Pvle Co. as plant propagator.

The latest (1955) additions to the staff are John F. Lemon, vice-president, and John Milton, editor and advertising manager. Well known in the horticultural field, John Lemon, a grandson of E. G. Hill, rose hybridizer and florist of Richmond, Ind., is in charge of C-P licensee operations. John Milton handles the catalog work, edits the company's publica-tion, "Success with Roses," and supervises the advertising.

Recent undertakings in developing the business have been the erection of a new shipping building and storage and handling rooms; the building at garden mart No. 1 of a garden shop, and the formation of Western Nurseries, Inc., in California, with Clyde Stocking, of Stock-



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The company looks forward, on the other hand, to years of opportunity in the production and sale of roses and other plant materials. It is fortunate in possessing 350 acres admirably situated for rose growing. Some of the land on which Star roses are now grown was once deeded (226 years ago) within the William Penn family with the proviso in the deed that "one red rose . . . yearly" be paid as rent. On this part of the property, the company owns a landmark called Red Rose Inn, a perfectly preserved Colonial inn, dating from 1740. It is in operation today, serving patrons now, as it did those in pre-Revolutionary times who traveled the Washington-Philadelphia road. At and around the inn, on a Saturday in September each year. thousands of rose lovers gather to celebrate the anniversary of the payment of the rose rent, the ceremony and the day among the roses being highlighted by the appearance of prominent speakers. It is on this occasion each year that Conard-Pyle's new rose introductions are first shown to the public.

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A prospective customer called me at one time for a laburnum, and I advised her that I had a couple of 8 to 10-foot size unsold. She then asked if they were balled, and I said no and furthermore it was not necessary since they were still dormant. Though I would guarantee mine to live, it made no difference; she failed to place an order.

In landscape work one should not overlook the light border or ladies' spade, that makes light work of planting. Steps on all spades or shovels are a must, unless you wish to aid the shoe industry. Most good diggers know their own spades and keep them in tiptop shape, and the wise nursery superintendent honors that practice.

Picea Omorika

Everyone has his favorites, and Picea omorika, Serbian spruce, is one of mine. My first acquaintance with it was when I was at Farr's, in Wyomissing, Pa. Bertrand H. Farr liked all kinds of plants, and I enjoyed working with him. That was in 1919. On April 9, 1956, I was up getting some plants from Warren E. Stokes, Butler, Pa., and I found that he too liked this excellent spruce and has about a dozen planted in a group. They are 18 feet high, have a 10-foot spread and are eight feet apart, with branches dense to the ground. They are on a hill and are fairly well protected. If I only had a cottage with a picture window looking north to this group of Serbian spruce, I should feel I was in paradise. The branches of the Serbian spruce are turned up at the ends like a pagoda. Needles %-inch long are green on top and blue underneath.

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and today it is 12 feet high and has a 9-foot spread. It is branched to the ground and makes a beautiful specimen.

At another job about two city blocks away, I planted three Serbian spruce, and they have gone downhill. The heavy clay soil, a drafty location and sun for only two thirds of a day may account for this. My conclusion is that Serbian spruce is an excellent evergreen but should not be planted on a windswept hill. One should dig a good-size hole if the soil is heavy clay and plant in fairly good soil. However, one should not kill the spruce with kindness. This evergreen for some time will be for the carriage trade and nurserymen will have to charge accordingly.

FRUIT SOCIETY GROWS

The American Pomological Society, founded 109 years ago, is gratified with the response to a current membership campaign. Forty new members have been enrolled since last December.

This association, one of the oldest horticultural groups in the country, is the parent of the American Society for Horticultural Science and of many of the state horticultural societies. Its objective, the advancement of fruit and nursery industries through fruit variety improvement, is accomplished by disseminating information on breeding and testing techniques and on performance of varieties, re-examination of the old varieties, etc.

Officers of the organization for the present year are A. Leon Davis, Beltsville, Md., president; A. Grant Fox, Normandale, Ont., Canada, and W. F. Pickett, Manhattan, Kan., vice-presidents, and G. M. Kessler, horticulture department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, secretary-treasurer.

The society's membership fee of \$3 a year entitles a member to receive considerable material, including the society's quarterly digest of fruit information and other data released by the society, along with an annual report.

CHARLES CULBREATH, Culbreath Landscape Nursery, Tampa, Fla., was awarded first premium at the Florida state fair, Tampa, for his landscape display.

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Western Shade Tree Chapter Meets

By Walter B. Balch

Among the trees of Yosemite national park, in California, the Western chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference held its annual convention May 8 to 11. The registration was about average, which spoke well for the interest in the program, as the park is off the well-traveled trails. The program committee allowed ample time for visitors to see points of interest and also provided a meaty program for the formal ses-

Officers Elected

At a business meeting held during the convention, a nominating committee, composed of Dale Griggs, superintendent of the Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, Claremont, and Riley Stephens, commercial arborist, Portland, Ore., presented a slate which was unanimously endorsed. The new officers are Percy Everett, superintendent of the Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, president; Keith Davey, Davey Tree Expert Co., San Fran-cisco, vice-president; C. E. Lee, secretary-treasurer, and Millard Blair, commercial arborist, Mountain View, Calif., editor.

Directors selected were Harold Mitchell, J. H. Mitchell Co., Pasadena, Calif.; Kaye Hill, superintendent of street trees, Long Beach, Calif., and John Silva. On the board of directors will be William Griffen, Griffen & Morgan, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Gene Cox, forester, city of Oakland, Calif.; Roger Sohner, re-tiring president and owner of the Sohner Tree Service, and Keith Davey.

Dr. Robert Callahan, of the California forest and range experiment station, spoke on "Genetics Research in Improving Trees for Tomorrow. He said that any tree improvement program is guided by the wishes of the users and that the nurseryman has different ideas from a lumberman as to the desirable tree of tomorrow, while the city park department manager wants still other qualities in an improved tree.

Dr. Callahan indicated that within reason it is possible to produce a tree with any given characteristics by following certain fundamental rules of plant breeding. One of the limiting factors in breeding, however, is the degree of heritability of certain elements. For example, tree height is of low heritability and can be altered through breeding more easily than can foliage color, which is of high heritability.

Illustrating the effect that a parent tree's environment has on its offspring, he showed color slides of seedlings in a forestry nursery bed. They were all of the same kind and had been started under identical conditions, yet differences were apparent in speed of germination, rate of growth or other characteristics, as a result of the different environments of the parents. Dr. Callahan expressed confidence that desirable factors could be combined, through breeding, in a tree of tomorrow, which could then be increased for commercial uses by various methods of asexual propagation. The slides pictured work being done in this field at the experiment station.

Discussing pest control, Dr. Leland Brown, of the department of entomology, University of California at Los Angeles, classified pests attacking ornamentals into several broad groups. Then he showed slides picturing the pests in different stages of development and identifying them with the damage they do. He indicated that, in most cases, malathion and/or DDT with oil effect the best control, although he mentioned some other insecticides, such as nicotine sulphate and rotenone, as being effective under certain circumstances.

National Park Plan

Lawrence C. Merriam, of the national park service, told about "Mission 66," a 10-year plan for the improvement of national park facilities



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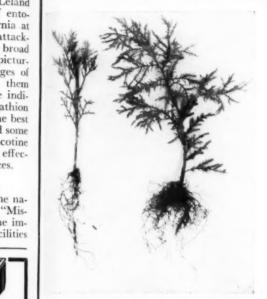
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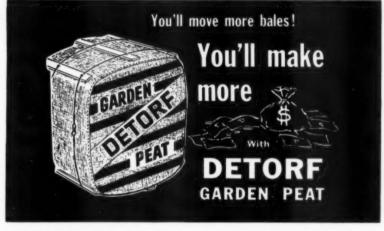
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that is to be completed in 1966 when the park service will end 50 years of existence. He reported that in 1956 nearly 50,000,000 people visited the national parks and by 1966 it is estimated that annual visitors will number 80,000,000. The plan's objective is to furnish space, personnel and satisfactory facilities for such a number of persons. Mr. Merriam estimated that \$80,000,000 a year for each of the next 10 years will be necessary to keep ahead of the needs of the parks.

The parks and shrines under the care of the service are best known for their recreational facilities, but many of them have other aspects. Some are places of historic importance, while others hold geological and biological interest and are valuable for scientific study. The speaker asserted that the national parks contribute to the country's economic as well as its cultural development and must not be despoiled.

Landscaping the highways of tomorrow was discussed by Ralph D. Cornell, landscape architect and one of the founding fathers of the Western chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference. He gave some general as well as some specific rules and suggestions for highway planting and told of the mistakes of the immediate past. If these mistakes are



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Surveys Conservation

On the last day of the sessions, Woodbridge Metcalf, retired extension worker from the University of California, reminded the group that national conservation programs were begun in this country only 50 years ago, through the efforts of Gifford Pinchot. Then the professor told of some of his experiences during the past year in Europe, where he had been sent by the State Department to survey certain conservation practices, particularly in Spain, Turkey and Italy.

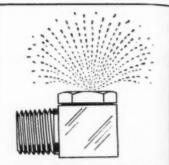
"Operation Outdoors," a project to make the national forests even better places for recreation, tree production, watershed development, conservation and grazing of livestock, was explained by Charles Connaughton, regional director of the United States forest service. Through multiple-use management, upon which the project is based, the forest service plans to make the country's forests of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people.

The purely cultural aspects of the meetings were provided primarily by park naturalist Douglas Hubbard, who told about the ecology and geology of Yosemite national park, and by park landscape architect V. J. Westley, who gave some off-the-record information on the improvements that have been made in the park for fuller appreciation of its natural beauties. Walter Doty, Sunset magazine, told how he and his assistants in editorial research formulated their forecast of what the homeowner of tomorrow will wish in the way of trees and other ornamentals. He urged those who supply plant materials to plan for the demands of the future.

Business Sessions

After the election of officers, described earlier, Disneyland hotel, Anaheim, was confirmed as the site of the 1958 meeting, and San Francisco was selected for the 1959 meeting. The auditing committee, composed of Leslie Mayne, San Mateo, Calif., and Walter J. Barrows, Whittier, Calif., reported that the records of the chapter were in good condition and that, with all bills paid, there was a cash balance of about \$2,000.

Other matters disposed of included the approval of an intensive plan



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of public relations; steps to define and prevent malpractice in tree surgery; ratification of a revised constitution and bylaws (constituting the chapter as a nonprofit corporation), and endorsement of training for employees by encouraging the giving of courses interesting and valuable to young men working in the commercial tree surgery field.

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At the recent 1957 Outstanding Young Man awards banquet of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of the United States, held this year at the Statler Hilton hotel, Dallas, Tex., Lemon Chiffon roses were used in carrying out the "Yellow Rose of Texas" decoration theme. The event, which is the largest annual project of the Junior Jaycees, was nationally televised.

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BRITISH RESEARCH TOLD

Members of the East Malling Research Station Association recently received the annual report for the year ending September, 1956. The research station, located near Maidstone, Kent, England, has issued this year's report nearly two months earlier than usual. It differs slightly from its predecessors in that the administrative report is bound with the research report.

The research report is divided into four parts, the first giving a short summary of the work on the farm, the second a review of the research program, the third research reports and the fourth bulletins for fruit growers. Two popular articles have been included in part four summarizing the main practical items in part two.

The full text of the Amos memorial lecture on plant physiology by Prof. F. G. Gregory appears in part three, and this part also includes a paper reviewing the history of some Gorest View TANDEM PLANTER cuts tree planting time and costs

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of the research station land. Other papers in the section deal with rootstocks, propagation, blossom periods, breeding, spray damage, hop verticillium wilt, apple scab, pear sucker, ground beetle damage to strawberries and the effect of DDT on orchard insects and mites.

The topical subjects discussed in part four include apple scab, collar rot, control of bacterial canker of



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Produced by D. P. M. Productions in 1956 for the Associated Bulb Growers of Holland, the movie last year won the Cleveland Film Council's "Oscar." Both awards were won in competition with other sponsored films in the field of gardening and home improvement.

"The Promise of Spring" is a 16-mm. film in color, having music and narration. It tells the story of a young suburban couple who learn to enjoy the real beauty of their home through a spring bulb garden. The film was made with the technical assistance of Fred Rockwell.

"The Promise of Spring" is available on free loan from Films of the Nations, 62 West 45th street, New York city.

ROSE BUYING

Nearly 200,000 copies of the 1957 guide for buying roses have been distributed to rose lovers throughout the country. Each year a rapidly increasing number of requests for this popular leaflet, distributed by the American Rose Society, 4048 Roselea place. Columbus 14, O., indicate that the rose is more popular than ever in America's gardens.

This new performance index of roses introduced in this country during the past five years includes fragrance ratings for the first time. Frysler Imperial, Crimson Glory, Dainty Bess, Etoile de Hollande, Good News, Nocturne, Rubaiyat, Sutter's Gold, Tallyho and Tiffany lead the hybrid teas in both fragrance and performance. Spartan is the best floribunda in this regard. Blossomtime, Climbing Crimson Glory, Climbing Etoile de Hollande and Paul's Lemon Pillar are outstanding fragrant climbers.

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No. 1583. Camellia plant. August Kramer, Ontario, Calif., assignor to Kramer Bros. Nurseries, Upland, Calif., a partnership. A new and distinct variety camellia plant, characterized particularly as to novelty by its vigorous and upright habits of growth; its large, sharply serrated, elliptical and pointed-tipped leaves; its large flowers of loose, double peony form; its thick, broad-obovate outer flower petals of good substance and smaller center petals and petaloids of irregular form but arranged in a rounded mass about the ovary; the strong ad-herence of its flowers to their receptacles; the good keeping qualities of its flowers both on the plant and as cut flowers, and the distinctive Turkey-red general color tonality of its flowers.

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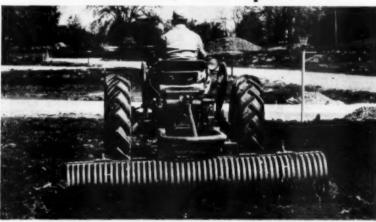
Imported fire ants, native South American pests, have become a serious threat to Texas farmers. The ants now live in the southern states in a line from Florida westward, infesting in their final course an area in southeast Texas from the Louisiana border to Houston.

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At a recent meeting of the southern plant board, the imported fire ant was termed a major pest of agriculture in the south, and special federal aid was asked for cooperative control work with states heaviest hit. Persons desiring control and eradication recommendations should contact the division of plant quarantine, Texas department of agriculture, Austin 14, Tex.

Because of the seriousness of the threat posed by the fire ants, the Texas department of agriculture will make a survey for ants during the fall and winter, when the vegetation is low. Some states are now preparing quarantines, and one state, Arkansas, already has a quarantine in effect. The department of agriculture has had to reinspect all nurseries shipping to that state and certify that they are free from ants. The ants are moved by nursery stock. Commissioner John White's office has stated that a quarantine law for Texas is probable.

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